Subject No. 63.
Special exceptions to property qualification for membership of D. R. A.

Summary of discussion.—As exceptional cases, persons not possessed of the requisite property qualification should be held eligible to be returned to this Assembly if they secure not less than 75 per cent of the votes at election meetings. This is necessary to provide for the contingency of persons possessed of the prescribed qualifications not being available.

[*Note.*—The returns showed that, under the present scale, there were in the Holalkere Taluk 182 qualified to vote with 44 of them qualified to be elected. 102 attended the election meeting and elected the three members to be returned from the Taluk.]

Dewan's reply.—The property qualification is fixed with reference to the circumstances of each Taluk. If that fixed for the Holalkere Taluk is too high, the Deputy Commissioner will recommend its being lowered.

Subject No. 64.
Provision for filling vacancy in membership of D. R. A.

Summary of discussion.—Provision should be made for filling up vacancies among members which may arise in the course of the three years for which they have now been elected. No such provision now exists in the Rules.

Dewan's reply.—This will be done.

Subject No. 65.
A verbal amendment in rules for the constitution of the D. R. A.

Summary of discussion.—Referring to the question of amending the Rules dated 10th June 1894 for the constitution of the D. R. A., Mr. Sadasiva Rao pointed out a discrepancy between Rule No. I (*a*) and the schedule attached to the Rules. In the former only house and shop taxes are enumerated in explanation of Mohatarfa, while in the latter loom tax is also included. This should be rectified.

Dewan's reply.—The requisite verbal amendment will be made in the rule as it stands at present.

Subject No. 66.
No property qualification for membership required.

Summary of discussion.—The existing Rules require a property qualification for membership. But such a provision does not exist in places where Parliamentary institutions exist. Such a qualification should be prescribed for voters only, freedom being given to elect those who, irrespective of material worth, can represent here best. In this way Graduates should be eligible irrespective of property.

Dewan's reply.—A property qualification cannot be dispensed with.

Subject No. 67.
Eligibility of Patels and Shanbhogs to membership of D. R. A.

Summary of discussion.—Patels and Shanbhogs should be declared ineligible to become Members of the Representative Assembly. They may be large land-holders, but being salaried servants of Government of a very inferior kind and often illiterate, they cannot represent people's wants and grievances here with independence or intelligence. (The reference to the want of independence and intelligence was greeted with exclamations of indignation.)